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Ex parte PATRICK D. MCCUSKER and ERIC N. ANDERSON

Application No. 10/629,286

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 9, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

The Examiner's Answer mailed on April 20, 2006, under the Evidence Relied Upon section, page 2, there is only one reference listed. A review of the file reveals that more references were applied to the Rejections on appeal. See the Grounds of rejection on pages 3-6 of the Examiner's Answer. The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, (MPEP), in §1207.02 states:

(8) *Evidence Relied Upon.* A listing of the evidence relied on (e.g., patents, publications, admitted prior art), and, in the case of nonpatent references, the relevant page or pages.

Before further review, the examiner must mail a PTOL-90 that will include in the amended Evidence Relied Upon section, the list of references mentioned in the Grounds of Rejections. See the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, (MPEP) § 1207.02. Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) issue and mail a PTOL-90 having the missing references listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section, heading (8) of the Examiner's Answer; and

- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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